

## STRIKE THREAT IF WAR IS DECLARED

Haywood, I. W. W. Leader, Would Stop Work in Coal Mines.

## PERKINS'S FIAT A BONE OF CONTENTION

Progressive Legislators Hoping for Re-election Feel Need of G. O. P. Indorsement.

The imminence of war with Mexico embroiled the International Workers' Defense League in Carnegie Hall last night. The meeting of the league, which is, actually if not nominally, an adjunct of the Industrial Workers of the World, drew a crowd of 700 persons.

Matters progressed quietly until "Joe" O'Brien, the secretary, introduced a resolution putting the meeting on record as opposed to war with Mexico, on the ground that it would be a case of labor fighting capital's battles. It was adopted vociferously, but the few who voted in the negative were loud in expressing their opinions and in hissing those who favored the resolution.

In a few minutes the hall was in an uproar, men shaking their fists and shouting that there should or should not be war, according to their ideas. Max Eastman finally quieted the gathering, but there was an undercurrent of feeling strongly evident throughout the balance of the meeting, and which threatened to break out at any time.

Previous to the Mexican trouble a resolution was offered condemning Judge Wadhams for having inflicted the maximum penalty upon Frank Tannenbaum. This also was adopted, although there were a number of negative votes.

"Big Bill" Haywood then called for a collection to pay Tannenbaum's fine of \$100.

Although the crowd was small, it simply made up for that deficiency in enthusiasm and variety. It contained a few fashionable folk, some police, playwrights, clergymen, actresses, union men and unemployed, magazine writers and editors.

In addition to Eastman and Haywood, speeches were made by the Rev. James J. Myer, of Baltimore; Lincoln Steffens, Frank Strawn Hamilton, Frank John and Alexander Berkman.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont was present, and Police Commissioner Woods, City Chamberlain Bruers and Inspector Schmittberger occupied a first tier box. Cissie

Loftus and Margaret Wycherly, actresses, dropped in for a while, as did Bayard Veiller. A number of ministers who have been interested in the unemployed movement were also present.

Practically everybody in I. W. W. and anarchistic circles attended, including Carlo Trecca, "Joe" O'Carroll, Becky Adelson, Gussie Miller, Arthur Caron and many others. The Rutgers Square orators and their followers created a mild sensation by appearing in new suits.

"Big Bill" Haywood said that if President Wilson gives the signal for war he will give the signal for a general strike in the country's coal mines, as this strike has already been called to take effect as soon as war is declared.

## SEEKS N. H. GOVERNORSHIP

Albert W. Noone "Plain People's Progressive Candidate."

Concord, N. H., April 19.—Albert W. Noone, of Peterborough, member of the executive council, announced to-day his entrance as "the plain people's progressive candidate" into the field for the Democratic nomination for Governor. State Senator John C. Hutchins, of North Stratford, made a similar declaration one week ago.

## MRS. GIFFORD SEES HER ACCUSED SON

Weeps as She Leaves Cell of Youth Accused of Slaying.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, April 19.—Telegrams and letters of sympathy are being received daily by Malcolm Gifford, sr., father of the eighteen-year-old Hudson youth who has been indicted by the Albany County Grand Jury on a charge of murder for slaying Frank J. Clute, a chauffeur, more than a year ago. Offers of legal aid are being made by attorneys, and Mr. Gifford is preparing to make a hard fight for his boy's life.

Young Gifford's mother visited him to-day in the cellroom he occupies in the 3d Precinct station house. She was with him an hour or more, and like her husband, expresses confidence in his innocence. She went during her visit and as she left the station house.

The brother of the accused boy arrived in Hudson last night, and is expected to visit him to-day. Everywhere is heard criticism of District Attorney Harold D. Alexander for having the youth arrested and keeping him in a cell for three days before notifying his parents or an attorney.

## CELEBRATE REVERE'S RIDE

Many Observe Anniversary of Revolutionary Battle.

Boston, April 19.—The road travelled by Paul Revere on his midnight ride on the eve of the Lexington fight 139 years ago was thronged to-day with sightseers on the way to the battle ground. The celebration, which is to continue two days more, was formally opened last night, when lights like those which sent Revere away to warn the populace of the coming of the British were displayed from the belfry of the Old North Church. Exercises of an historical nature were taking place within the building.

The holiday will be generally observed throughout the state to-morrow, but the chief celebration will be in Lexington. Elsewhere sporting events will make up the greater part of the programme.

The Lexington exercises to-day consisted of a commemorative service conducted by a historical society, with addresses by State Senator Charles F. McCarthy, of Marlboro, and the Rev. George M. Butler, of Medford. The Lexington Minute Men were guests of honor.

## NO RECRUITS HERE FOR COXEY'S ARMY

Unemployed Who Enlisted Two Weeks Ago Find Life Too Easy and Resign.

The city's leisure class has decided not to enroll in Coxey's army for any long distance hike to Washington. The pickings here for the elite hoboes have become too soft, under the exhilarating I. W. W. influence, to permit of overexertion.

Hundreds of men who have given their promise not to go to work assembled yesterday in the Manhattan Lyceum, where the Brotherhood Welfare Association meets. Two weeks ago they were enthusiastic and enlisted in Coxey's army. Yesterday they handed in their resignations, to take effect immediately.

The hoboes lolled about, smoking and seemingly well fed. When "orators" spoke of their downtrodden condition, several yawned and went out for another drink.

## WOULD STANDARDIZE DANCES TO END TANGLE OF FEET

Committee of Instructors to Draw Up Standard Plan in Effort for Uniformity of Steps—Wants Everybody to Do It Alike.

A hundred earnest faced, worried dancing teachers met yesterday in the Green Room at the Hotel McAlpin to discuss a question far more serious to them than whether the United States fights Mexico. The question on their minds was what to do to remedy the chaotic conditions of the dance.

With all their art they have been teaching their steps to students, but there is something wrong somewhere, for when Mr. Jones tries to dance with Miss Smith they find themselves going off at tangents to each other. That was the sorry state of affairs the teachers met in convention yesterday to do away with, and with one voice, or rather with many voices, they agreed that the thing to do was to standardize.

After several hours of discussion, T. George Bodsworth was elected chairman to appoint a committee, which shall draw up a standard for the various dance steps in vogue and report at a future meeting for final action.

The meeting yesterday was called to order by Dr. William G. Anderson, instructor in physical culture at Yale University. Dr. Anderson had much good

## WHITMAN PROBES MURPHY HOME VOTE

Unusual Return in Chief's 6th Election District Subject of Acid Test.

## BALLOTS ALL FOR NEW CONVENTION

Part of Alleged Scheme to Tammanyize Constitution, It Is Believed.

Canvass of the votes cast at the recent special election now being made by the aldermen, who constitute the County Board of Canvassers, has disclosed some returns from the 12th Assembly District—Charles F. Murphy's district—which are interesting District Attorney Whitman and the Honest Ballot Association. There are other districts in the city where the returns will be subjected to careful scrutiny.

Assistant District Attorney De Ford has been placed in charge of the work which the District Attorney's office is doing on the case. It is understood that he has about completed his work and is ready to make a report to Mr. Whitman.

The return for the 6th Election District of this Assembly district shows that not one voter cast a ballot against the proposal to hold a constitutional convention next year. Still more remarkable, it shows that practically every voter who was eligible to vote cast his ballot, although in other parts of this city and in the state at large the vote was regarded as especially light, even for a special election.

Murphy Proud of Vote.

This highly unusual state of affairs is especially interesting in view of the fact that a few days after the special election, when Murphy's leadership of Tammany was again challenged by his predecessor, Croker, Murphy pointed proudly to the vote cast at the special election as a vindication of himself and his political policies.

Murphy personally and all his Tammany district workers were doing their utmost to get out a heavy vote in favor of the early constitutional convention. It is the Tammany belief that the Democrats will be able to control a majority of the delegates to the convention and thus obtain a Tammanyized constitution.

Alderman Parker, who is chairman of the canvassers, was directly responsible for the discovery of the extraordinary vote alleged to have been cast in Murphy's district. In November of last year there were approximately 400 voters registered for the 6th Election District of the 12th Assembly District. Politicians figure that there is at least a 33-1-3 percentage of removals in the course of a year, so that, making allowance for a heavy new registration on the one day on which the registry lists might be corrected prior to the special election, the total of eligible voters for the election on April 7 would have been considerably below 400.

The return for this 6th Election District showed that more than 300 voters cast their ballots. Every ballot was cast in favor of the early constitutional convention.

"It was either a case of the most conscientious and loyal voters I ever heard of or it was a case of incompetent inspectors and conditions needing the attention of the authorities," yesterday declared a member of the Honest Ballot Association, who is investigating the matter.

Doubt Not Cleared.

This view was the one which occurred to Alderman Parker. He first sent for the inspectors in that district and asked them about the matter. Their answers did not clear up the doubt in his mind, although they insisted that so far as their observation and work had shown them the return was correct.

Mr. Parker consulted other members of the canvassers, who agreed with him that the circumstances were unusual enough to demand a careful inquiry. He submitted the facts to lawyers, who consulted with representatives of the Honest Ballot Association. On the advice of these men the matter was laid before District Attorney Whitman. It is being handled by Assistant District Attorney De Ford, who has worked on many other ballot investigations.

One other district in Murphy's Assembly district has presented a return which will undoubtedly receive consid-

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eration next. It is said that the circumstances in this district are about like those in the 6th, especially in the fact that there was no vote cast against the holding of the constitutional convention next year. The canvassers, whose suspicions have been aroused, are giving to every return now before them a kind of acid test to disclose unusual features.

## FIXED POSTS TO GO, SAYS POLICE RUMOR

Waldo's System May Be Discontinued in Two Precincts To-day.

The fixed post system will be discontinued to-day in two precincts, the 25th and the 26th, it was rumored last night in the Police Department. The stations affected are the West 5th st. and the East 51st st. Orders were received yesterday at both stations transferring thirty-six young policemen from each. The men are part of the 19 "rookies" brought in from other precincts a few months ago and replaced with experienced policemen.

The belief that the fixed post, which was introduced by Commissioner Waldo, is to go is based on the fact that there are thirty-six such posts in each of the two precincts concerned. No one in authority would either deny or confirm the rumor.

It is known that Commissioner Woods has found several men off the fixed post. One night he found three of them holding one post. It is thought he considers they might be better employed. Moreover, men are needed for the new 63d Precinct.

The men transferred are going to various other precincts to-day. Most of those from the East 51st st. station have to report at 8 a. m. at the Simpson st. station, The Bronx, the new precinct.

## BUMPS LOADED MOTOR 'BUS

Express Truck Breaks Windows and Frightens Passengers.

An automobile express truck crossing Fifth avenue at 45th st. last evening crashed into the rear of a crowded motor 'bus. The tail of the stage was demolished, and several windows broken, but all the passengers escaped with a shaking up and a few scratches. Michael Ahearn, the conductor, saved himself by jumping into the inside of the bus.

Patrolman Russell arrested the chauffeur of the truck, James Hammond, of 201 West 35th st., and charged him with intoxication. At the night court Hammond was held for examination.

## New Dreadnought for Greece.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] Paris, April 19.—The Greek government has instructed the Greek Minister here to sign the contract for the construction of a Dreadnought in a French dockyard. The naval commission which is to supervise the construction and the Greek Minister in Paris are in disagreement as to the type of armament to be installed in the warship and have asked Premier Venizelos to decide the matter.

## Austrian Kaiser Has Catarrh.

Vienna, April 19.—Emperor Francis Joseph is suffering from catarrh of the bronchial tubes, according to official announcement to-day. This has resulted in increased temperature and loss of sleep through fits of coughing, but his strength and appetite are satisfactory and the Emperor continues to attend to state business and receive oral reports from his ministers.

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## SULZER'S TACTICS A BLUFF, SAYS BOSS

Tammany Leader Thinks Politician Has Eye on Seat in Congress.

## DISCREDITS TALK OF RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Wigwam Men Regard New "American Party" as Club for 14th District.

Ex-Governor William Sulzer's new party, the American party, incorporated during the last week in Albany, is regarded by Tammany men as a club which the former State Executive will use in an attempt to win the regular Democratic indorsement for Congress in the 14th Congressional District next fall.

"Sulzer," said one Tammany man yesterday, "has no serious intention of running for Governor. He knows he cannot be elected. He knows that at best he could but obtain the votes of some very radical Progressives, who are now urging him to run for Lieutenant Governor on a ticket to be headed by Colonel Roosevelt. He might possibly receive a few thousand Democratic votes upstate, and the bulk of at least one Assembly district on the East Side."

This Tammany man, a recognized leader of his party, said Sulzer would certainly run for Congress in his old district—the 12th—and that he could not be elected without a Tammany indorsement.

"Sulzer is too astute a politician not to know this," continued the Tammany leader, "and I know Fourteenth Street would

be only too glad to give him the indorsement in the 14th District, and thus insure the defeat of a Republican, who would have a walk-in in a three-cornered fight."

When a Tribune reporter mentioned the interview with the Tammany man to a prominent Republican leader the latter said:

"I don't think that Sulzer can get the nomination of Tammany Hall while 'Charley' Murphy is head of the Fourteenth Street Wigwam, but you can rest assured that Sulzer will be opposed by the Republicans in this district, and from present indications the election of a Republican to succeed the present incumbent, Jefferson M. Levy, is assured."

## 'PLOT' TO PROVOKE ULSTER

Asquith May (or May Not) Talk on Subject To-day.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, April 20.—Opportunity will be afforded to Premier Asquith in the House of Commons to-day for making a statement with reference to fresh revelations regarding the alleged government plot to provoke the Ulster Volunteers into an act which would justify military measures calculated to crush the movement utterly. Colonel Chalmers will ask the Premier whether, in view of the allegations as to a plot to provoke Ulster by armed occupation, he will take steps to secure a judicial inquiry into the whole matter.

## CAR SKIDS; 4 HURLED OUT

Joy Riders Hurt When Auto Hits Telephone Pole.

Rockville Centre, Long Island, April 19.—Speeding along Lincoln ave. at a rate, it is claimed, of fifty miles an hour, two young women and two young men narrowly escaped death this afternoon, when their machine skidded and crashed into a telephone pole. All four were hurled out and cut and bruised, but none was seriously injured.

They refused to give their names, and after leaving their auto at a garage hired another machine and were driven away.

The number on the car, 43-27 N. Y., was issued to Conrad Hessner, of 62 Suydam st., Brooklyn.

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## 'PLANES IN COLLISION; TWO AVIATORS KILLED

Crash in Midair Followed by Explosion—Three French Fatalities in Two Days.

Paris, April 19.—The aviator Francis Deroy and Marcel Dablin, who was making a flight with him, were burned to death as a result of a collision at the aerodrome here to-day. Thousands of spectators witnessed the accident.

Deroy's machine and another piloted by the aviator Bedault, with a passenger, M. Pelladeau, came together with a crash in midair. Evidently the gasoline tanks exploded, for both machines burst into flames and fell to the earth. Bedault and Pelladeau, although badly injured, managed to extricate themselves from the blazing wreckage, but Deroy and Dablin were pinned down, and the intense heat prevented rescuers from approaching. The aviator L'once Ehrmann was killed yesterday by a fall from his aeroplane.

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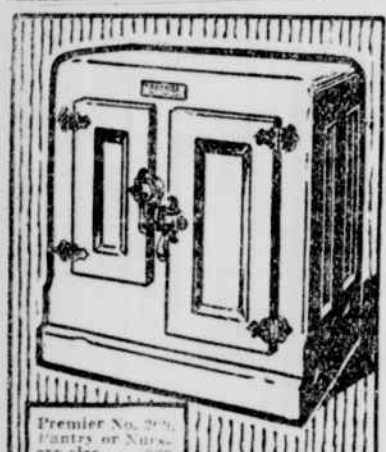
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